

**UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE DISTRICT OF NEW JERSEY**

**IN RE: JOHNSON & JOHNSON
TALCUM POWDER PRODUCTS
MARKETING, SALES PRACTICES, AND
PRODUCTS LIABILITY LITIGATION**

MDL No. 2738 (FLW) (LHG)

This document relates to: CHRISTINE SMITH

**SHORT FORM COMPLAINT
AND JURY DEMAND**

The Plaintiff(s) named below file(s) this *Short Form Complaint and Demand for Jury Trial* against Defendants named below by and through the undersigned counsel. Plaintiff(s) incorporate(s) by reference the allegations contained in *Plaintiffs' Master Long Form Complaint* in *In re: Talcum Powder Products Marketing, Sales Practices, and Products Liability Litigation*, MDL No. 2738 in the United States District Court for the District of New Jersey. Plaintiff(s) file(s) this Short Form Complaint as permitted by Case Management Order No. 1 of this Court.

In addition to those causes of action contained in *Plaintiffs' Master Long Form Complaint*, where certain claims require specific pleadings and/or amendments, Plaintiff(s) shall add and include them herein.

IDENTIFICATION OF PARTIES

Identification of Plaintiff(s)

1. Name of individual injured due to the use of talcum powder product(s):

Christine Smith

2. At the time of the filing of the specific case, Plaintiff(s) is/are a citizen of

RAMSEUR, North Carolina

3. Consortium Claim(s): The following individual(s) allege damages for loss of consortium:

N/A

4. Survival and/or Wrongful Death Claims:

Name and residence of Decedent Plaintiff when she suffered the talcum powder product(s) related death:

N/A

5. Plaintiff/Decedent was born on and died on:

XX/XX/XXXX

6. Plaintiff is filing this case in a representative capacity as the N/A of the N/A, having been duly appointed as the N/A by the N/A Court of N/A.

7. As a result of using talcum powder products, Plaintiff/Decedent suffered personal and economic injur(ies) that are alleged to have been caused by the use of the products identified in Paragraph 16 below, but not limited to, the following:

 X injury to herself

 injury to the person represented

 wrongful death

 survivorship action

 X economic loss

 X loss of services

 loss of consortium

 X other: Medical Expenses

Identification of Defendants

8. Plaintiff(s)/Decedent Plaintiff(s) is/are suing the following Defendant(s) (please check all that apply)¹:

- ☒ Johnson & Johnson
- ☒ Johnson & Johnson Consumer Inc. (New)
- ☐ Imerys Talc America, Inc. (“Imerys Talc”)
- ☐ Personal Care Products Council (“PCPC”)

Additional Defendants:

☒ Other(s) Defendant(s) (please specify):

LTL Management, LLC; Kenvue, Inc.; Johnson & Johnson Holdco (NA) Inc.; and Janssen Pharmaceuticals, Inc.

JURISDICTION & VENUE

Jurisdiction:

9. Jurisdiction in this Short Form Complaint is based on:

- ☒ Diversity of Citizenship
- ☐ Other (The basis of any additional ground for jurisdiction must be pled in sufficient detail as required by the applicable Federal Rules of Civil Procedure).

Venue:

¹ If additional Counts and/or Counts directed to other Defendants are alleged by the specific Plaintiff(s) as to whom this *Short Form Complaint* applies, the specific facts supporting these allegations must be pleaded by the Plaintiff(s) in a manner complying with the requirements of the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure, and the Defendants against whom they are alleged must be specifically identified on a separate sheet of paper attached to this *Short Form Complaint*.

10. District Court(s) and Division (if any) in which venue was proper where you might have otherwise filed this Short Form Complaint absent the direct filing Order entered by this Court and to where remand could be ordered by the Judicial Panel for trial:

United States District Court for the Middle District of North Carolina, Greensboro Division

CASE SPECIFIC FACTS

11. Plaintiff(s) currently reside(s) in (City, State):

RAMSEUR, North Carolina

12. At the time of the Plaintiff's/Decedent's diagnosis with a talcum powder product(s) injury, Plaintiff/Decedent resided in (City, State):

RAMSEUR, North Carolina

13. The Plaintiff/Decedent was diagnosed with a talcum powder product(s) injury in (City/State): Pinehurst, NC on or about **2006**.

14. To the best of Plaintiff's knowledge, Plaintiff/Decedent began using talcum powder product(s) on or about the following date: In approximately 1980 and continued the use of talcum powder product(s) through approximately 2006.

15. The Plaintiff/Decedent purchased talcum powder product(s) in the following (State(s)): NC

16. Plaintiff/Decedent used the following talcum powder products:

☒ Johnson & Johnson's Baby Powder

☐ Shower to Shower

CAUSES OF ACTION

17. Plaintiff(s) hereby adopt(s) and incorporate(s) by reference the Master Long Form Complaint and Jury Demand as if fully set forth herein.

18. The following claims and allegations asserted in the Master Long Form Complaint and Jury Demand are herein adopted by reference by Plaintiff(s):

- ☐ Count I: Products Liability – Strict Liability – Failure to Warn (Against Imerys Talc)
- ☒ Count II: Products Liability – Strict Liability – Failure to Warn (Against the Johnson & Johnson Defendants and Other Defendants: LTL Management, LLC; Kenvue, Inc.; Johnson & Johnson Holdco (NA) Inc.; and Janssen Pharmaceuticals, Inc.)
- ☐ Count III: Products Liability – Strict Liability – Defective Manufacturer and Design (Against Imerys Talc)
- ☒ Count IV: Products Liability – Strict Liability – Defective Manufacturer and Design (Against the Johnson & Johnson Defendants and Other Defendants: LTL Management, LLC; Kenvue, Inc.; Johnson & Johnson Holdco (NA) Inc.; and Janssen Pharmaceuticals, Inc.)
- ☒ Count V: Breach of Express Warranties (Against the Johnson & Johnson Defendants and Other Defendants: LTL Management, LLC; Kenvue, Inc.; Johnson & Johnson Holdco (NA) Inc.; and Janssen Pharmaceuticals, Inc.)
- ☒ Count VI: Breach of Implied Warranty of Merchantability (Against the Johnson & Johnson Defendants and Other Defendants: LTL Management, LLC; Kenvue, Inc.; Johnson & Johnson Holdco (NA) Inc.; and Janssen Pharmaceuticals, Inc.)
- ☒ Count VII: Breach of Implied Warranty of Fitness for a Particular Purpose (Against the Johnson & Johnson Defendants and Other Defendants: LTL Management, LLC; Kenvue, Inc.; Johnson & Johnson Holdco (NA) Inc.; and Janssen Pharmaceuticals, Inc.)
- ☐ Count VIII: Negligence (Against Imerys Talc)
- ☒ Count IX: Negligence (Against the Johnson & Johnson Defendants and Other Defendants: LTL Management, LLC; Kenvue, Inc.; Johnson & Johnson Holdco (NA) Inc.; and Janssen Pharmaceuticals, Inc.)
- ☐ Count X: Negligence (Against PCPC)
- ☒ Count XI: Negligent Misrepresentation (Against the Johnson & Johnson Defendants and Other Defendants: LTL Management, LLC; Kenvue, Inc.; Johnson & Johnson Holdco (NA) Inc.; and Janssen Pharmaceuticals, Inc.)
- ☒ Count XII: Fraud (Against the Johnson & Johnson Defendants and Other Defendants: LTL Management, LLC; Kenvue, Inc.; Johnson & Johnson Holdco (NA) Inc.; and Janssen Pharmaceuticals, Inc.)
- ☐ Count XIII: Fraud (Against PCPC)

☒ Count XIV: Violation of State Consumer Protection Laws of the State of **North Carolina** (Against the Johnson & Johnson Defendants and Other Defendants: LTL Management, LLC; Kenvue, Inc.; Johnson & Johnson Holdco (NA) Inc.; and Janssen Pharmaceuticals, Inc.)

☐ Count XV: Fraudulent Concealment (Against Imerys Talc)

☒ Count XVI: Fraudulent Concealment (Against the Johnson & Johnson Defendants and Other Defendants: LTL Management, LLC; Kenvue, Inc.; Johnson & Johnson Holdco (NA) Inc.; and Janssen Pharmaceuticals, Inc.)

☐ Count XVII: Fraudulent Concealment (Against PCPC)

☒ Count XVIII: Civil Conspiracy (Against All Defendants)

☐ Count XIX: Loss of Consortium (Against All Defendants)

☒ Count XX: Punitive Damages (Against All Defendants)

☒ Count XXI: Discovery Rule and Tolling (Against All Defendants)

☐ Count XXII: Wrongful Death (Against All Defendants)

☐ Count XXIII: Survival Action (Against All Defendants)

☒ If Plaintiff(s) includes additional theories of recovery, to the extent they require specificity in pleadings, the specific facts and allegations supporting these theories must be pled by Plaintiff(s) in a manner complying with the requirements of the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure.

Furthermore, Plaintiff(s) assert(s) the following additional theories and/or State Causes of Action against Defendant(s) for the states identified in paragraph numbers eleven (11) through fifteen (15) of this Short Form Complaint.

Ala. Code §§ 7-2-313, 7-2-314 (2017); Alaska St. § 45.02.313 (effective 2016); Ariz. Rev. Stat. Ann. § 47-2313 (2016); Ark. Code Ann. § 4-2-313 (2016); Cal. U. Com. Code § 2313(1) (2017); Cal. Civ. Code § 1791.2(a) (2017); Co. Rev. St. § 4-2-316 (2017); Conn. Gen. Stat. Ann. § 42a-2-313 (effective 2017); 6 Del. C. § 2-313 (2017); D.C. Code Ann. § 28:2-313 (2017); Fla. Stat. Ann. § 672.313 (2017); O.C.G.A. § 11-2-318 (2017); Haw. Rev. Stat. § 490:2-313 (2016); Id. Code § 28-2-314(2)(c) (2017); Ill. Comp. Stat. Ann. Ch. 810, 5/2-313 (2016); Ind. Code Ann. § 26-1-2-313 (2016); Iowa Code Ann. § 554.2313 (2016); Kans. Stat. Ann. § 84-2-313 (2017); KRS § 355.2-318 (2017); Kan. Stat. Ann. § 60-3302(c) (2017); Ky. Rev. Stat. § 355.2-318 (2017); La. Rev. Stat. §§ 9:2800.54, 9:2800.58 (2016); Me. Rev. Stat. Ann. tit. 11, § 2-314 and 2-315 (2017); 14 M.R.S. § 221 (2017); Md. Code Ann., Com. Law § 2-318 (2017); Mass. Gen. Laws c. 106, § 2-313 (2017); Mich. Comp. Laws Ann. § 440.2313 (2016); Minn. Stat. Ann. § 336.2-313

through 315 (2016); Miss. Code Ann. § 11-1-63(i)(3) and 75-2-313 (2017); Mo. Rev. Stat. § 400.2-313 (2016); Mont. Code Ann. § 30-2-313 (2017); Neb. Rev. Stat. U.C.C. § 2-313 et seq. (2017); Nev. Rev. Stat. U.C.C. § 104.2313, et seq. (2016); Nev. Rev. Stat. §§ 104.2312-104.2318 (2016); N.H. Rev. Stat. Ann. § 382-A:2-313, et seq. (2017); NJ Rev Stat § 2A:58C-1 et seq.; N.M. Stat. Ann. §§ 55-2-313 to -318 (2017); see also UJI 13-1428 to 1433 NRMA(2016); N.Y. U.C.C. Law 2-313, et seq. (2017); N.C. Gen. Stat. Ann. § 25-2-313, et seq. (2017); N.D. Cent. Code § 41-02-30, et seq. (2017); Ohio Rev. Code Ann. § 1302.26, et seq. (2016); Okla. Stat. tit. 12A, § 2-313 et seq. (2017); Or. Rev. Stat. § 72.3130, et seq. (2016); 13 Pa. Stat. Ann. § 2313, et seq. (2016); Article 1802 of the Civil Code of Puerto Rico, 31 Laws of Puerto Rico § 5141; R.I. Gen. Laws § 6A-2-313 (2016); S.C. Code. Ann. § 36-2-313, et seq. (2016); S.D. Stat. 57A-2-313, et seq. (2017); Tenn. Code Ann. § 47-2-313, et seq. (2016); Tex. Bus. & Com. Code Ann. § 2.313, et seq. (2015); Ut. Code Ann. § 70A-2-313, et seq. (2016); Va. Code Ann. § 8.2-318, et seq. (2016); Vt. Stat. Ann. tit. 9A, § 2-313, et seq. (2016); Wa. Rev. Code § 62A.2-313, et seq. (2016); § 7.72.030(2) (2016); W.Va. Code § 46A-6-108, et seq. (2016); Wis. Stat. Ann. § 402.313, et seq. (2017); and Wyo. Stat. § 34.1-2-313 through 315 (2017) in accordance there with, Plaintiff seeks damages in excess of the jurisdictional minimums of this court and the court of anticipated transfer in a maximum amount to be specified if and when so required.

WHEREFORE, Plaintiff(s) pray(s) for relief and judgment against Defendants of compensatory damages, punitive damages, interest, costs of suit, and such further relief as the Court deems equitable and just, and as set forth in the Master Long Form Complaint as appropriate.

JURY DEMAND

Plaintiff(s) hereby demand a trial by jury as to all claims in this action.

Dated: September 1, 2023

Respectfully submitted,

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